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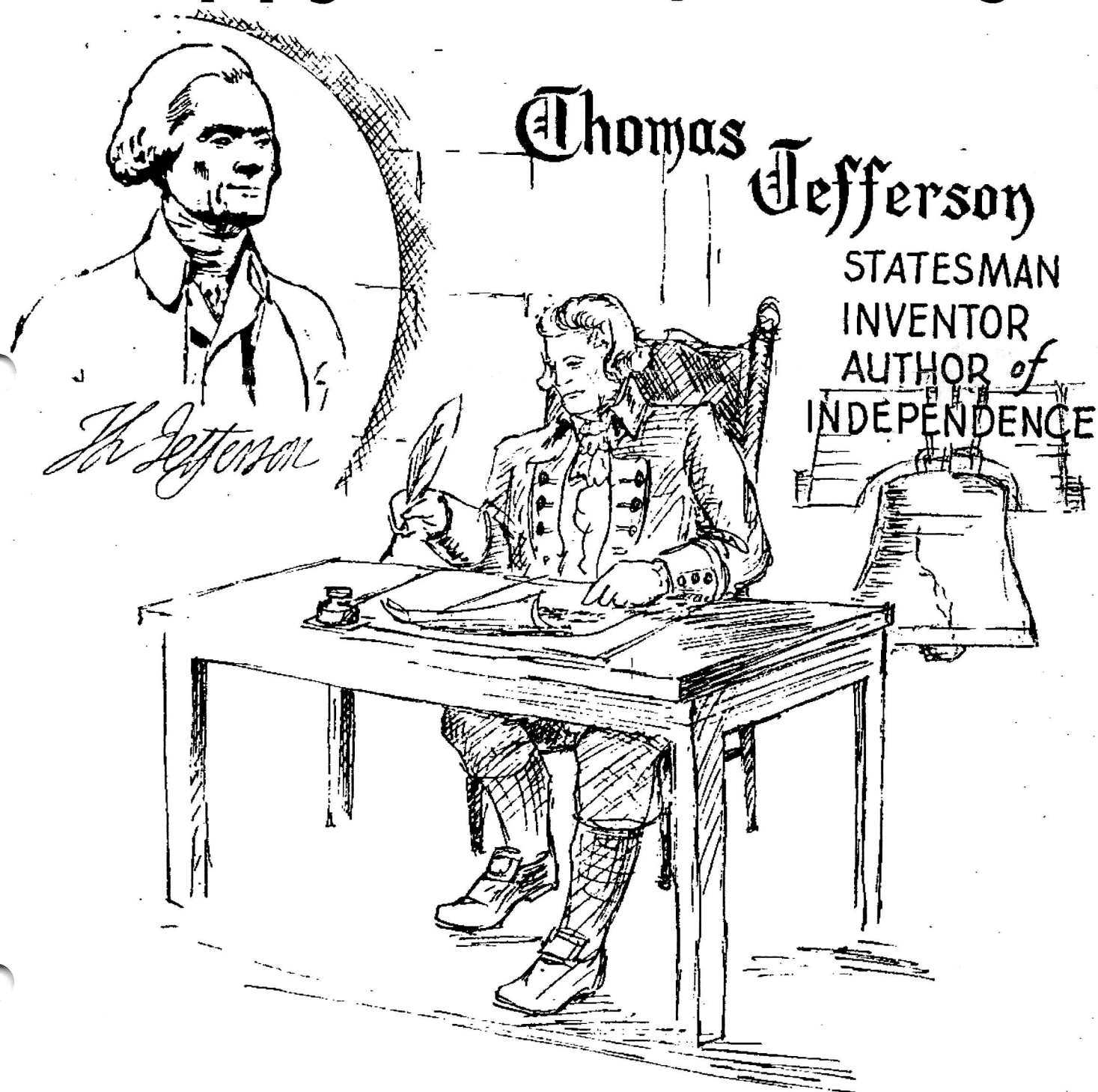


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Amateur Radio License Examinations are held on the *first* non-holiday Thursday of every month at The Franklin Institute Science Museum—registration finishes at 6 p.m. doors close at 6:30 PM-*SHARP!*

CLUB INFORMATION

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2-meter repeater: 147.03 MHz p/1 91.5

70-cm repeater: 444.80 MHz (186.2 Hz PL)

Simplex: 147.51 MHz

24-hour club information at W3AA: 215-448-1139

STATIONS

W3AA - The Franklin Institute Science Museum, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee WU3I; Manager: W3STW

The club sponsors this world-class demonstration station, and welcomes all licensed amateurs to operate.

W3AA packet BBS frequency: 144.99 MHz: w3aa@w3aa.sepa.pa.usa.noam

W3AA e-mail: w3aa@phil-mont.org

W3EM - Field Day and special events station - Trustee W3VVS

W3QV - 147.03 MHz repeater - Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee W3BBB

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Archives: W3IIN; **Audit:** NS3K; **Awards:** W3WF; **Blurb folding:** WB3KOJ & WB3KOH; **Budget:** K3KUD; **Directory:** WB3KOJ & W3IIM; **DX:** Open ; **Education:** W3CH; **Emerg. Coord.:** N3XKE; **Field Day:** WU3I; **Internet:** W3IIM; **Membership:** W3LEN & KE3ZY; **Net Control:** KB3IV; **Publicity:** W3RM **Program:** W3WF; **Public Service:** W3WF; **Refreshments:** W3AOK; **Repeater:** W3BBB; **Skywarn:** WX3PHI; **Special Events:** open; **Sunshine:** WU3I; **Youth:** KE3ZY; **TVI:** W3VVS; **VE Program:** ND3Q; **W3AA Trustee and Station manager,** WU3I; **Welcome:** K3CJ.

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Net Schedule

Thursday CW Practice Net at 20:00— 147.030MHz FM (NOT DURING JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST)

Sunday morning 2 Meter Net at 09:30 — 147.030 Mhz FM

Sunday morning “10-on-10” Net at 10:00 —28.393 Mhz SSB (+ or - for QRM)

Sunday morning 75 meter Net at 10:20 — 3.993 MHzSSB

Secretary, Fred Rice WA3KIO



June Director's Meeting Minutes

Attending were Ed KB3IV, Steve WU3I, Gene N3XKE, Al W3STW, Mike K2BN, Fred WA3KIO and Ted KB3CY

Mike, K2BN reported that there would be a cash short fall by the end of the year, a lot of this due to the declining membership. Mike asked the board to consider some ways to increase the money we receive. A couple of ideas were suggested. Once Al, W3STW finishes the W3AA inventory list, some surplus equipment might be sold. Another idea brought up was that equipment could be donated to Philmont and with our 501C; tax deductions could be had on the donated items. Another thing discussed was direct mailing the Blurb by e-mail. Don, WB3KOJ has done an excellent job in cutting the printing costs down but the bulk mailing costs are still way up. Ideas were discussed on the electronic mailing of Blurbs to members who desired it. Paper copies could still be mailed to those without Internet access or those who still desire it in paper form. More will be looked into as to who would handle the distribution on the web.

The board recommended that an evaluation committee be formed to acquire and dispose of assets for the benefit of the club and the generation of approved tax documents for the state and federal governments. The motion as proposed by our treasurer was seconded by Al, W3STW. Al will consult with Steve, WU3I on the surplus equipment. It was also suggested to form an appraisal committee from the membership and to offer equipment to club members at discount and then offer it on Ebay at full price. At this time, Al made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ed seconded it. The meeting was adjourned.

De WA3KIO

June General Meeting Minutes

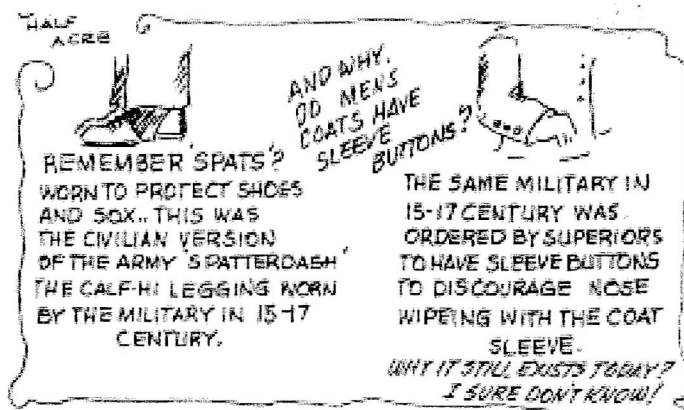
Bill, W3AOK was under the weather so the meeting was called to order by Ed, KB3IV. Ed reported that the repeater was operating at reduced power. Jim has replaced the final and it should be up to it's full power soon.

As soon as the professional antenna people are able to get over to the site, the antenna problem will be straightened out. Jim thinks the problem is in the jumper between the antenna and the hard line. The voting system is working fine.

Ed has enough orders to place for the jackets. He will contact everyone on the list and will try to have them for the September meeting. The nets are running fine, but Ed is looking for one more net control for 2 meters.

Steve WU3I handed out Field Day shirts and pins to those who paid for them. He will be arriving at 2pm on Friday to set up antennas, the field kitchen and to assemble the towers. Everything else is looking good for Field Day. At this time the meeting was turned over to Ron Cohen K3ZKO for his informative talk on Amateur Television and lightning protection.

De WA3KIO



187th Monthly Phil-Mont VE Test Session Statistics for June, 2001

EIGHT (8) candidates took fourteen (14) elements. We had two (2) new amateurs with four (4) upgrades.

The VE team was chaired by Dusty Rhoads (ND3Q).

Members are: Jim McCloskey, NS3K; Carol Hutkin, K2BL; and Jeff Kerber, N3VE.

Exam Dates for the year 2001:

July 5, August 2, September 6.

VE Examination Sites

Confirm all information, in advance, with the contact person. Licensed applicants must bring the original, and one photocopy of their license. All applicants, including children, must show two other types of ID. Bring the original, and a copy of any Certificate of Successful Completion needed to prove current status. The ARRL VEC's 2001 test fee is \$10.00.

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Monthly, 1st Thursday — Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q. 215-879-0505, day. 215-448-1139 24-hours. Doors open at 6PM and close sharply at 6:30 PM.

BELLMAWR, NEW JERSEY

Diane Nafis, 856-227-6281. Testing is the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM. They meet at the Bellmawr Municipal Complex, Browning Rd. and Lewis Ave., one block off Black Horse Pike, Route 168.

BRISTOL, PA

George LeNoir, 215-943-4886

LEVITTOWN, PA

David L. Heller, 2125-946-1040

LINWOOD, PA (Commercial and Amateur)

TELFORD, PA

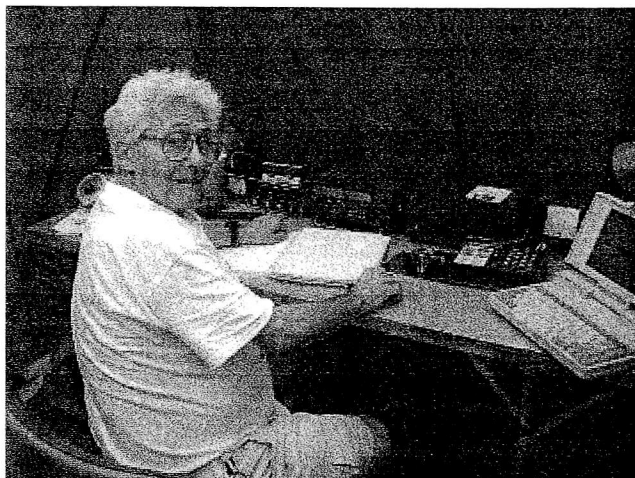
Joseph Burgess, 215-723-6697

WARMINSTER, PA

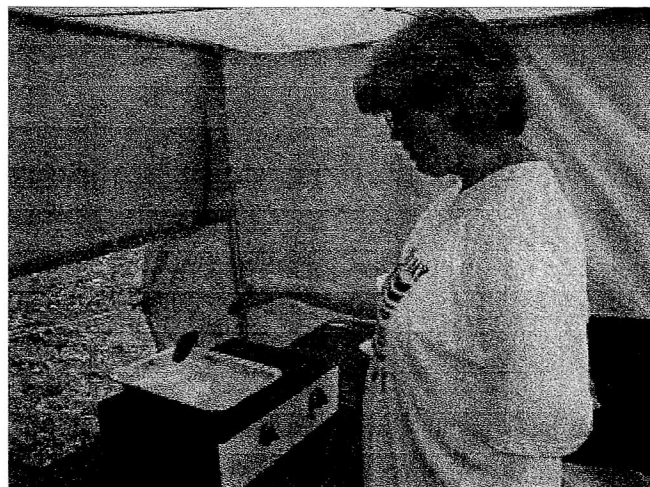
Tom Michaud, WA3TQJ, 215-343-3494

WILMINGTON, DE

Giselle Wells, 302-478-2757



WA3NSP at 15m



Chef N3FTC at work

ATLANTIC DIVISION HAMFEST CALENDAR 2001

Jun 9+ Columbia-Montour ARC,
Bloomsburg, PA (EPA Section
Convention)
Jul 1+ Murgas ARC, Wilkes-Barre
(Dallas), PA
Jul 15+Mid-Atlantic ARC, Kimberton,
PA
Aug 12+ Lancaster ARC, Cheektowaga,
NY (WNY Section Convention)
Sep 29+ ARA of the Southern Tier,

The PREZ SEZ



I thank all those who volunteered at the US Pro Cycling race and at Field Day. The MS 150 Bike Tour will be here before you know it so get your registration forms in soon. If you haven't helped out at a public service event before, please give it a try. Most volunteers come back to help out, year after year, because it's fun and it gives you a great deal of satisfaction to use your hobby to help out in life or death situations.

Have a good summer and hope to see you at the next club meeting in September and at the MS 150 September 29th & 30th. DE W3AOK

The Battleship New Jersey

Scuttlebutt from NJ2BB

A very special day was May 26th for the Battleship New Jersey. It was the first time for the call of NJ2BB to be on the air from the Battleship New Jersey. This also commemorated the 58th anniversary of the commissioning of the Battleship New Jersey. The first person to make a call on HF was Bob Westcott, W2MAS, who was a member of the first crew onboard BB62 and also a radioman. The call was a very emotional time for all.

The Philadelphia Inquirer and the Camden Courier-Post as well as his family and members of the radio station took many photos. Another call, made simultaneously on 2 meters, was to Joe Duffin, W2ORA, another Battleship radio Officer serving in WWII. He is the BNJARS NJ2BB license trustee. The BNJARS members that have been working on board the ship since February made the special event station possible. At the same time, work has been going on to repair the ship's public address system and other communications systems.

I did not think that we would be this far along to operate an amateur station, but the work of industrious amateurs made this all happen. An interesting e-mail that we have received was from a ham in Massachusetts that had never transmitted before. He worked on the station and made his first and nervous contact with the NJ2BB station. That has got to be a sgreat thrill for him. The special event station was on the air for 6 hours and made over 550 contacts which included 36 states, 18 countries, 142 counties and 9 zones. Sorry if we did not work you this time. There are still antennas to install and other work to make the station what we would like it to be. We will be looking forward to working all of you in the future.

Joseph Cramer, N2XYZ

Notes from the Editor:

I want to remind everyone that there are no General or Board meetings in July and August. Also, the Thursday night CW program is stopped until September.

All the photographs in this issue, except that of N3FTC were takekn by Steve, WU3I. Steve did another magnificent job running Field Day.

During the last 12 months I have been hospitalized on two ocaasions. Each time I was prevented from publishing an issue of

the Blurb. I want to thank Jack Hariing, W3IIM aand Don Gordon, WB3KOJ. They published the issues when I couldn't.

They each took the time and energy to do a great job on such short notice. The newer members of the club may never have met these two Hams. They rarely come to meetings. Jack was the Blurb editor for over 9 years and Don is responsible for putting it together, printing and mailing. I hope you will get an opportunity to meet these members. Thanks

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Trustee: Steve Hoch, WU3I

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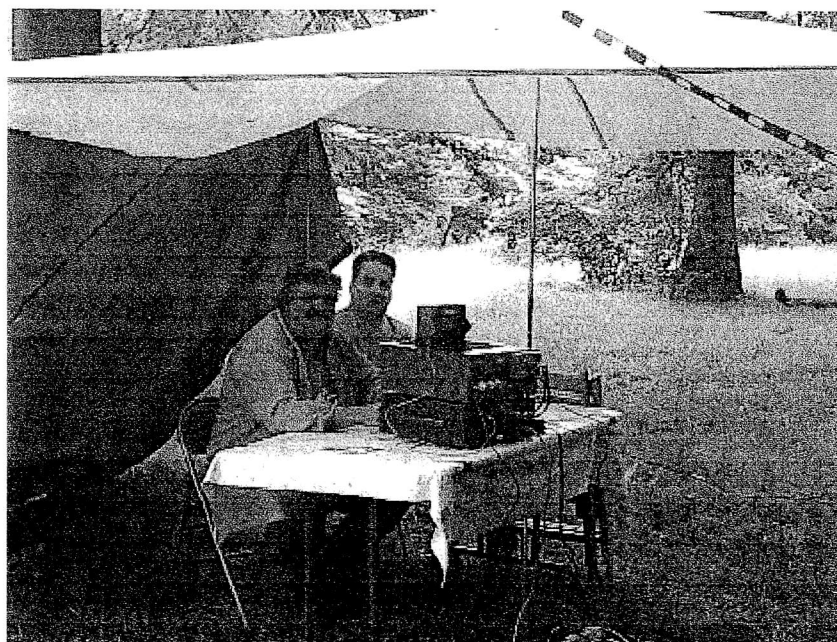
W3AA Report

All is well here at our club station.

Last word on our Kenwood TS570S is a new microprocessor had to be ordered and had come in to Byron in California. He is very busy with a new system for the county, where he is the chief communications officer.

There has been a report of the beam slipping by 30 degrees. All operators are asked to note the position of the beam and if they detect movement to verify that the beam is indeed pointing in the direction indicated. The problem could be in the control box or the brake in the rotor. I will try to get to the Museum as soon as possible to check the system out.

Stephen Hoch
WU3I

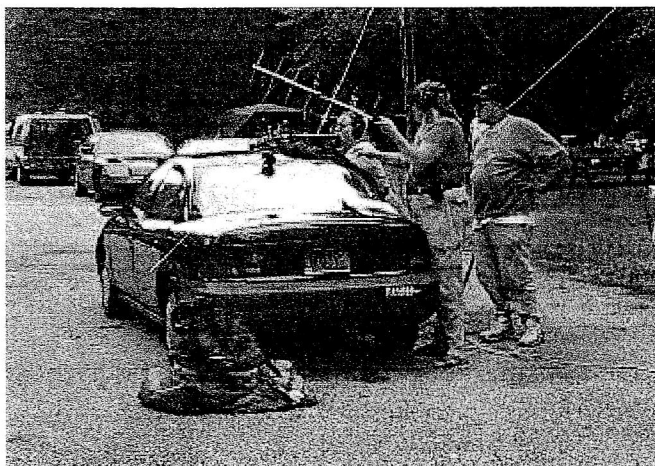


W3AYT and K3PHL 75m

Field Day report for 2001

Well gang, Water wings were the word for Saturday. We arrived Friday around 1:00 PM to try to beat the forecasted rain and did well. First, it did not rain until 4:00 AM Saturday morning and that was a short light shower. Second, we got the towers and beams assembeled and stood up on Friday for the first time. A good thing it was, too. On Saturday we set up the wire antennas and did we miss N3XKE (aka the Hitman) on the potato gun. My accuracy has a lot to be desired but we finally got the wires up for 160 and 75. W3RM and N3MT put their 40 wire up on Friday. Then on Saturday afternoon it happened, RAIN, SUN, then more RAIN, then more SUN, well you get the picture. Mother Nature was giving us fits but that did not stop us for a minute, until the lightning came. That called for a pause. The boys on 20 just zipped up the tent and kept hammering away and their score shows it. We had dinner about 6:00 PM and N3FTC outdid herself again with help from N3VJE. 20 and 40 kept at it thru the night and their scores show it. N3MT had to leave about 11:00 pm for a family function in Long Island on Sunday and that hurt them a little. I know all about those family functions. Sunday turned into a beauty of a day with a cool morning and hungry hams. A fresh pot of coffee was brewed and the French toast and Sausages were consumed. Back to work and lunch at Noon followed at 2:00 by the best breakdown I have ever been a part of. Last year I did not leave until 4:30 this year it was 3:30 not bad at all for the amount of equipment that had to be lowered and disassembled. Thanks to all who were there I will not try to list them all as I know I would forget somebody and I don't want that. Scores are as follows with comparisons to last year. We operated 5A last yeat and 7A this year.

	2000	2001
160 ph	0	5
80 ph	456	186
80cw	67	200
40ph	190	272
40cw	538	443
20ph	157	447
20cw	19	186
15 ph	166	150
15cw	6	25
10ph	145	68
6ph	95	95
2ph	24	0
digital		



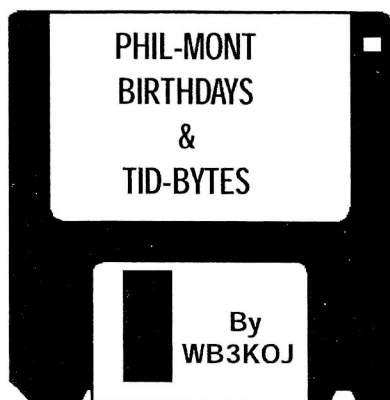
NG3P aand K3XS working Satellites

Three for Three!

Congratulations, Mike:

A very pleasant surprise awaited Michael, N3MT (VP5/N3MT), when he returned just before Field Day from the Turks and Caicos Islands. A telephone call from Hugh Turnbull, W3ABC, Scholarship Chairman for the Foundation for Amateur Radio, informed Mike that he has again been selected to receive a \$1,000 Ham Radio Scholarship, his third such grant in as many years. Mike will begin his junior year at Villanova University in the Fall. And, appropriately, his scholarship this year was awarded by the Northern California DX Foundation, thus recognizing, among other traits, Mike's interest and skill in DX operating.

Congratulations, MT....now get busy on the QSL cards for those 4,000+ DX contacts you and RM made from Providenciales Island!



MEMBERSHIP STATS

124 Full paid members
14 Family members
4 Youth
2 Honorary members
0 Pending members

JULY BIRTHDAYS

02 Ted Katz - N3OWM

Alice Popovic (XYL W3AOK)

03 Nicole Bohlander (XYL WA3KLR)

04 Marion Blum (XYL W3PTB)

Leah Hughes - KB3AIN (XYL W3LEN)

07 Gary Guy - N3WPE

09 Pete Broselow - N3WIQ

Donna Rush - N2YKW (XYL WT3X)

10 Natalie Gordon - WB3KOH

James Perry - W3JRP

12 Grace Smith (XYL K3GBA)

Linda Cantarella (XYL K3DTC*)

14 Larry Cliffford - W3UY

17 Carol Namm Hutkin - K2BL

19 Christine Fichera (XYL KB3DQH)

20 Nick Sparozic - AA3WA*

23 Theresa Henderson (XYL WR2H)

Abel Pasicznyk - K3LYB

Art Weiner - WX3PHI

25 Jinny Haring - W3IIN

29 Jim Larkin - KA2FFP

31 Steve Hoch - WU3I

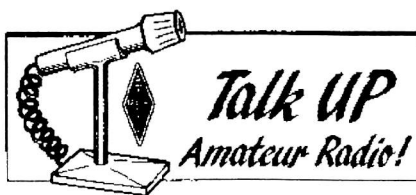
Upcoming Public Service Events

MS 150

September 29-30

Brian's Run

December 2



PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

Charlie Weigand, W3WF

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Phone: (610)631-3401 ext. 902

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Public Service Forms Available

Public Service Forms are available on Line. Thanks to **Charlie, W3WF** and **Peter, KB3DFQ** you may download any of the following sign-up forms for the year 2001 public service events.

MS Walks

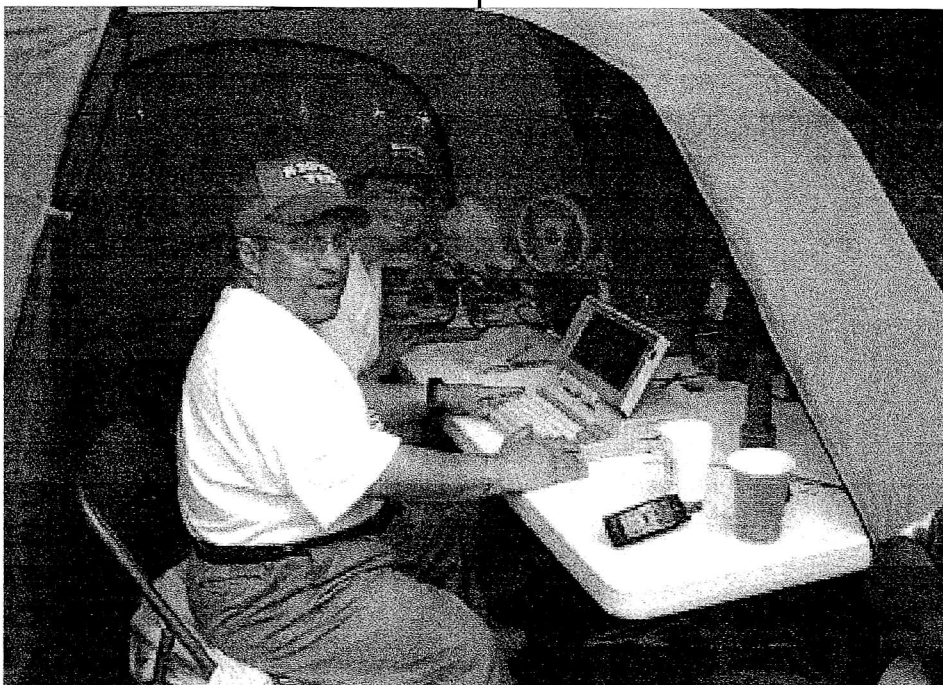
Chester County Bike Tour

MS 150 City to Shore 2001

the url is:

<http://metro-comm.2y.net>

(thanks to W3CH)



N3KQH aand N3OWM 20m

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Calendar for July 2001

1	Sun	(2M net-WB3KOJ) (75M net-W3PWG) (10M net - W3AA)
2	Mon	
3	Tues	No Code practice this month
4	Wed	Independence Day
5	Thur	VE exams - doors close at 6:30 PM Full Moon
6	Fri	
7	Sat	
8	Sun	(2M net -K3XS) (75M net- WA3KIO) (10M net-W3AA)
9	Mon	
10	Tues	
11	Wed	No General meeting for July or August
12	Thur	
13	Fri	
14	Sat	Bastille Day
15	Sun	(2M net -N3OWM) (75M net - KB3IV) (10M net - W3AA)
16	Mon	
17	Tues	
18	Wed	
19	Thur	
20	Fri	New Moon
21	Sat	
22	Sun	(2M net - WA3NSP) (75M net- NG3P) (10M net- W3AA)
23	Mon	
24	Tues	
25	Wed	
26	Thur	
27	Fri	
28	Sat	NASA established in 1958
29	Sun	(2M net - W3BBB) (75M net - W3BBB) (10M net - W3AA)
30	Mon	
31	Tues	

Activities for July 2001

Net Control stations should read the following announcements before asking if there are any more announcements for the Net

July 5— Ve test session

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